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Dear Russ,

Still no word from Paul. I presume he made his trip and tried things. If he is there rather than in Chi, how about a word?

Aside from the motion to stay, which Skolnick filed, the government files the customary motion to dismiss, accompanied by an affidavit by the head of the Archives, Dr. James B. Rhoads (right). The court clerk, typically, failed to tell me of Skolnick's motion, about which I wrote you recently. The rest would cosy $11 to get xeroxed. Can you ask Bert to try and get copies from his (former?) noble leader? I'd like to keep this file up to date, eben though I expect Skolnick to be pretty much quiet about this, as he has been since I sent him a copy of the suit I intended filing against him. And will if I can.

If Bert can arrange the Chicago lawyer, I've some letters from the WCFL lawyer, all mom-responsive, and I think we can first take a nevel approach under the fairness doctrine.

Since you were here I've drafted three major complaints on the JFK suppressions, have them in the hands of a lawyer who had said he'd be too busy to handle them but would read and make suggestions, and he is so taken with one he will handle it to the Supreme Court, where he firmly believes it will go. He hasn't had time to read the other two. I'm drafting a fourth, and have gotten a few things merely by saying I would invoke the act. One is real pow.

Meanwhile, I've arranged for publication of an edited-down version of COUP, which I'll have to retitle, by a small published. New. He's done only 8 books so far. The agreement is verbal, to be committed to a contract any day now. He agreed to an advance sufficient to permit publication of the entire work in my underground format, but I've told him I can't do it, to make it cash instead, so I can pay immediate obligations that are due and past due. So, anyone who wants the entire thing will have to buy a xerox copy. However, I've learned that until the money is in the bank, not to count it. If he keeps his word and schedule, I'll see the edited version in a little more than a week.

Let me know about or hear from Paul, please, now, because things have happened and are happening down below of which I'd like to know if he does.

Best to both,